

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1                   1.       A system for the employee benefits industry, said system comprising:  
2                   a client management module for providing a broker with one or more broker  
3 tools for generating an employer record and employee record;  
4                   a presale module coupled to said client management module for providing said  
5 broker with one or more workflow tools, said workflow tools enabling a request for proposal  
6 (RFP), a renewal functionality, electronic submission of said RFP to an insurance carrier and  
7 receiving a response to said RFP;  
8                   an enrollment and benefits administration module coupled to said client  
9 management module for providing an employer with a set of employer tools for benefits  
10 administration for an employee and for and for processing a benefit product for said  
11 employee; and  
12                   a system database coupled to said at least one server for storing said employer  
13 record and said employee record.

1                   2.       The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, further  
2 comprising an eligibility and billing module coupled to said client management module to  
3 allow for the consolidation and production of a single bill for premiums and transmission of  
4 eligibility to carriers.

1                   3.       The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, further  
2 comprising a worksite marketing module coupled to said customer module to enable  
3 distribution of an ancillary product.

1                   4.       The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 renewal functionality allows said broker to organize upcoming plan renewals and to submit  
3 an electronic renewal request to an insurance carrier and receive a response to said electronic  
4 renewal request.

1                   5.       The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 workflow tools comprise benefit plan designs offered by a plurality of insurance carriers.

1                   6.       The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 workflow tools comprise a merging tool that merges said response to said RFP into an  
3 employer presentation.

1 7. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 set of broker tools allows collection, management and data mining of said employer record  
3 and RFP and renewal information.

1 8. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 set of employer tools allows correlation of said employee with a payroll record, said  
3 employee record and a 401(k) record.

1 9. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 set of employer tools further comprises a report writer that organizes and generates census  
3 information and carrier billing.

1 10. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 enrollment module comprises a set of self-service tools.

1 11. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 10, wherein  
2 said set of self-service tools comprises a plan comparison sheet, a provider directory, and a  
3 personal demographic profile.

1 12. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, further  
2 comprising a worksite-marketing module.

1 13. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 12, wherein  
2 said worksite marketing module offers said employee said benefit product selected from the  
3 group consisting of life insurance, disability insurance, long term care insurance,  
4 homeowners insurance, auto insurance, personal umbrella liability insurance, an annuity and  
5 a mutual fund.

1 14. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 13, wherein  
2 said worksite marketing module includes a streaming video ad for said benefit product.

1 15. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 13, wherein  
2 said worksite marketing module includes a link to a carrier.

1 16. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 employee record includes a demographic profile.

1           17. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 16, wherein a  
2 change in said demographic profile will prompt said worksite marketing module.

1           18. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 billing module reconciles payments from a plurality of insurance carriers.

1           19. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 billing module allows an employee to pay individual premiums for certain worksite products.

1           20. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 benefit product is selected from the group consisting of medical insurance, dental insurance,  
3 vision insurance, life insurance, std insurance, LTD insurance, death benefits, term life  
4 insurance, workers compensation, a section 125 plan, whole life insurance, variable life  
5 insurance, annuities, mutual funds, IRA, travel accident and accidental death and  
6 dismemberment, employee assistance programs, individual homeowner's insurance, renter's  
7 insurance, auto insurance, umbrella liability insurance, health insurance, non-qualified  
8 retirement plans, and 401(k) plan.

1           21. The system for the employee benefits industry of claim 1, wherein said  
2 networked environment is selected from the group consisting of a worldwide computer  
3 network, the Internet, a wide area network, a local area network, and an intranet.

1           22. A method for procuring a benefit product in a networked environment,  
2 said method comprising:

3           providing a broker with a set of workflow tools enabling a request for quote  
4 (RFP) of said benefit product to an insurance carrier and receiving a response from said  
5 insurance carrier of said RFP;

6           providing an employer with a set of employer tools for administration of said  
7 benefit product for an employee; and

8           enrolling said employee in said benefit product offered by said insurance  
9 carrier, thereby procuring said benefit product in a networked environment.

1           23. The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 workflow tools comprise benefit plan designs offered by a plurality of insurance carriers.

1                   **24.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 workflow tools comprise a merging tool that merges said response into an employer  
3 presentation.

1                   **25.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 set of workflow tools further comprises a renewal functionality which allows said broker to  
3 organize upcoming plan renewals and submit an electronic renewal request to an insurance  
4 carrier and receive a response to said electronic renewal request.

1                   **26.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, further  
2 comprising real-time quoting.

1                   **27.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 set of employer tools allows correlation of said employee with a payroll record, an employee  
3 record and a 401(k) record.

1                   **28.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 set of employer tools comprises a report writer that organizes and generates census  
3 information and insurance carrier billing.

1                   **29.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 employee enrolls using a set of self-service tools.

1                   **30.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 29, wherein said  
2 set of self-service tools comprises a plan comparison sheet, a provider directory, and a  
3 personal demographic profile.

1                   **31.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim 22, wherein said  
2 benefit product is selected from the group consisting of medical insurance, dental insurance,  
3 vision insurance, life insurance, std insurance, LTD insurance, death benefits, term life  
4 insurance, workers compensation, a section 125 plan, whole life insurance, variable life  
5 insurance, annuities, mutual funds, IRA, travel accident and accidental death and  
6 dismemberment, employee assistance programs, individual homeowner's insurance, renter's  
7 insurance, auto insurance, umbrella liability insurance, health insurance, non-qualified  
8 retirement plans, and 401(k) plan.

1                   **32.**     The method for procuring a benefit product of claim **22**, wherein said  
2     networked environment is selected from the group consisting of a worldwide computer  
3     network, the Internet, a wide area network, a local area network, and an intranet.